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Choice Poetry.

PROUD MISS MAC BRIDE.

A LEGEND OF OTHMAN.

BY JOHN H. BATE.

Oh, terribly proud was Miss Mac Bride,
The very personification of pride,
As she sat down to her spinning wheel,
And to her loom, and to her distaff.

When the golden sun was setting,
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Correspondence.

Letter from Rev. E. G. Wood.

Mr. Editor.—A few days ago, I took

it into my head to visit Indianapolis,

and concluded, as I was out on a tour of

observation, that I would call at Shelbyville

and examine their graded school, and also

the building which they have erected for

that purpose. This I was induced to do,

that I might obtain all the information I

could for the benefit of those who are try-

ing to get up a school for that purpose, and

schools of that kind, in this place. If you

are willing, I will give the result of my ob-

servation to you for the use of the public.

The people of Shelbyville have, by tax-

ation, built them a house, and are now sup-

porting a school of about five hundred

children. The house is about ninety feet

long and sixty wide, three stories

high, with eleven large rooms, one of

which is the hall, in the third story. I

spent one entire afternoon, examining the

building, and witnessing the operations of

the school. The Principal, Mr. Moore, I

found to be very much of a gentleman.—

He took me through the apartments, and

gave me all the information I asked relative

to their mode of conducting the school,

and also pointed out any defects which he

found to exist in the arrangement of the

house, some of which were, the mode of

warming it, the size of the hall, which is

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Letter from Rev. Peter Smith.

Some of my friends appear to think I

am not in earnest in wanting a college

for this place. They may, for aught I know,

be of the opinion that I am already great enough

man for my abilities. But I am in earnest

about this matter, for, at my present age

I find I am getting gray—have lost several

teeth, and besides, I have had the

rheumatism some too, and I am really begin-

ning to have trouble some fears that I'll

die in my nest some of these nights, and I

will be forgotten in less time than I have

lived.

All our P. E.'s in this Conference save

one, are A. M.'s and we poor fellows who

were educated in log school-houses, instead

of in large story brick colleges, will

have to hang up our fiddles, or else con-

tent ourselves, like poor folks at a frolic, in

occupying some dark corner where we are

called for only when we are want-

ed.

I love smart men, and especially smart

preachers, and would like mighty well to

be smart myself, if circumstances allowed

it, and I think they would if I could

succeed in getting a title, so the people

would call me "Dr. Smith" instead of just

simply "Brother Smith." The people

wouldn't know any better, for I know

that once when I was traveling with one

of our "Doctor" preachers, we stopped

with a good old class-leader to stay all

night, and about midnight the good brother

came to our sleeping room, and, approach-

ing the bed, he asked, "Doctor, are you

awake?" "Yes," I said, "the matter?"

"Why, our baby got the cholera awfully

bad, and I thought you would be after

giving him some medicine." The good brother

only increased the demand for schools

of a higher order. All are aware that

the languages and ornamental branches

cannot be taught in the graded schools.

Within a year, there will perhaps be 40 in

our school that will have to go from home

to college. Now, that you are beginning

to turn out graduates, the friends of your

institution will rapidly multiply. You

have already given an impetus to educa-

tion that begins to develop itself in

bracket schools. The Moore's Hill College

of Brookville College. The little money

that one of your agents took from that

place, roused them to resolve and to act

in behalf of home. A fine building, and

a good school is the result. Let the peo-

ple in the Whitewater county consider

Brookville College here, and cherish it as

they ought.

I greatly rejoice to hear of the spirit's

outpouring upon the churches in your

region, especially upon Liberty Circuit, and

Conservative station, my former field of

labor. We continue to have prosperity

in this charge. Last year our net increase

was 99. So forth it is in 30. The last

Quarterly Conference were unanimous

in taking steps for a second charge, and

a new personage. Our church through

commodious, will barely seat the members

which are all out. We must colonize.

W. W. SNYDER.

A man who was praising porter,

said: "Porter is so excellent a beverage that

it always makes me fat."

"I have seen the time," said another,

"when it made you lean—against the

wall!"

An innocent young sportsman

hereabout, in order to shoot a squirrel on

the top of a tall tree, climbed another one

near by, and on being asked his reason for

so foolish a freak, replied, with great grav-

ity: "I didn't want to strain my gun by a

long shot."

Brilliant thoughts are often slow in

their formation, like the diamond. Thomas

Moore was frequently three weeks in writ-

ing a piece. Theodore Hook often took

about the same to execute an "impromptu"

and Sheridan was frequently all day in

getting up a joke, which was supposed

by some to be the inspiration of the mo-

ment.

An Alabama editor says of a late

festal occasion: